RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It may not be necessary to hold an examination for English-knowing clerks but it is necessary to hold an examination for Malayalam-knowing clerks and typists and for recruitment to the civil service.

Mr. A. Thanu Pillai said that there will be very few candidates for the civil service. I may say that though the number of candidates may be few the remuneration to be paid to the examiners will be high and probably examiners from outside the State may also have to be engaged.

The grant was then put to vote and carried.

The demand was made.

PORTS.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 11,998 under ports. This is required for the maintenance of the dredger which Government have purchased for dredging the Alleppey Port. Honourable members will probably remember that a sum of Rs. 1·10 lakhs was sanctioned in 1111 for the purchase of a dredger. The dredger was ordered and it came out towards the end of 1111. About two-thirds of the amount was paid and the remaining one-third could not be paid because the dredger was not assembled and tested. This has since been done and the payment has been completed. I may also mention in this connection that the firm who supplied the dredger demanded payment immediately and Government paid them about Rs. 35,000. The sum asked for now is not for that purpose. This is intended to cover the establishment and maintenance charges during the current year.

My friend Mr. Damodaran Asan will surely put the question: "How is it that this expenditure was not foreseen when the budget was framed?" My answer is that when the dredger was purchased Government did not know what maintenance charges and staff would be required. This could be known only after the dredger was put in working order. It was therefore not possible to make provision in the regular budget and so Government have come to this House now with a supplementary demand.

It is proposed to appoint a dredging master on Rs. 70, a driver on Rs. 60, an engine driver on Rs. 30, an engine oilman on Rs. 15, a main engine driver on Rs. 30, a main engine oilman on Rs. 15 and four lascars on Rs. 15 each. The total expenditure for the establishment comes to Rs. 2,240. For the maintenance of the dredger including insurance a sum of Rs. 8,126 is required and for working expenses Rs. 1,632 is required. All told, the total expenditure comes to Rs. 11,998. I hope the House will pass this demand.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

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